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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission Survey Number: AA-2168  
Project: Glen Burnie Light Rail Extension Agency: FTA/MTA  
Site visit by MHT Staff: no X yes Name E. Hannold, P. Kurtze Date June 20, 1996  
Eligibility recommended        Eligibility not recommended X  
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None  
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the available information, the Anne Arundel Sanitary Commission does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for individual listing. The main structure in the complex, located at 7409 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard, in Glen Burnie, Maryland, is a large hip roffed brick building, originally constructed between 1922-1929. The building has been expanded several times subsequently. Another smaller brick building, which appears to predate 1931, as well as several reservoirs are located within the complex. The original building no longer retains integrity fo design and feeling, as later expansions have nearly tripled its size. The complex as a whole, which is set within an extensive parking lot, does not convey any particular sense of an historic utility. The known history of the facility, founded in 1915 by the State of Maryland and taken over by the private Glen Burnie Water and Utilities Company in 1922, does not indicate an association with a significant event or series f events. Thus, the property seems unlikely to meet any of the National Register Criteria. It is located outside the National Register eligible section of Glen Burnie.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory  
Form AA-2168

Prepared by: Elizabeth O'Brien, JMA Inc.

Elizabeth Hannold  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

November 4, 1996  
Date

NR program concurrence: X yes        no        not applicable

Peter M Kurtze  
Reviewer, NR program

11/7/96  
Date

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

## I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

## II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period ( <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

## III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaption

## IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

## V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingsHistoric Environment: SuburbanHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Industry-waterworksKnown Design Source: George T. Cromwell, builder

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. AA-2168

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 7409 Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard ☐ not for publication

city, town Glen Burnie ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland ☐ county Anne Arundel

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission

street & number P.O. Box 1831 telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21404

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds, Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County liber 35

street & number P.O. Box 71 folio 280

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21404

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 2 buildings.

The present Anne Arundel Sanitary Commission building is a long, twelve-bay, two-story, five-course American-bond -brick building. Built in several stages, it consists of two hip-roofed sections joined by a gabled hyphen. The seven-bay northwest section is connected to the three-bay southeast section by a two-story, two-bay hyphen. The six-over-six sash windows throughout have flat concrete sills and lintels and are arranged singly, in pairs, and grouped in bands of four and six. In front of the building is a long parking lot with planted medians. To the rear, the storage area, wells, and filtration plant are enclosed by a chain-link fence. Within this enclosed area is a smaller, four-bay, seven-course-bond brick building with a slate gabled roof. With the exception of a small addition on its east side, this smaller building appears to have the same footprint as that shown on a 1931 Sanborn Map of the property.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1922-1929 Builder/Architect George T. Cromwell

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission, founded by the State of Maryland around 1915, took over the privately owned Glen Burnie Water and Utilities Company in 1922. Over the next seven years, the commission studied the feasibility of using the Sawmill Branch as a water supply, commissioned the boring of a 65-foot-deep artesian well, built a \$22,000 filtration plant, and erected a brick office building on the north side of Baltimore-Annapolis Boulevard. The original two-story, three-bay building had paired windows with flat concrete lintels and sills, a raised masonry water table, and a shallow-pitched hipped roof. According to a plaque on the present building, builder George T. Cromwell oversaw its construction between 1922-1929. At the time, the commission was run by James Ellis, Dr. Caldwell Woodruff, and Franklin T. Maddox, and had as its Chief Engineer, Walter C. Munroe.

Since its initial construction, the building has been enlarged through one or more expansion programs. Although the additions are, for the most part, compatible in style, scale, and materials, the present building is nearly three times the size of the original, and the original section is not easily identifiable within the whole. The building therefore appears to lack integrity of design and feeling and is recommended not eligible.

## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. AA-2168

Easm, Ruth. *The History of the Town of Glen Burnie*. Kuethe Library, Inc., Glen Burnie, Maryland, 1972.

*Insurance Map of Glen Burnie, Maryland*. Sanborn Map Company, New York, 1931.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 34 acres

Quadrangle name Relay, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032  
(301-514-7600)

# Continuation Sheet

Survey No. AA-2168  
Name Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission  
County Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel County

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Developmental Period(s):**

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930; Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning; Government/Law

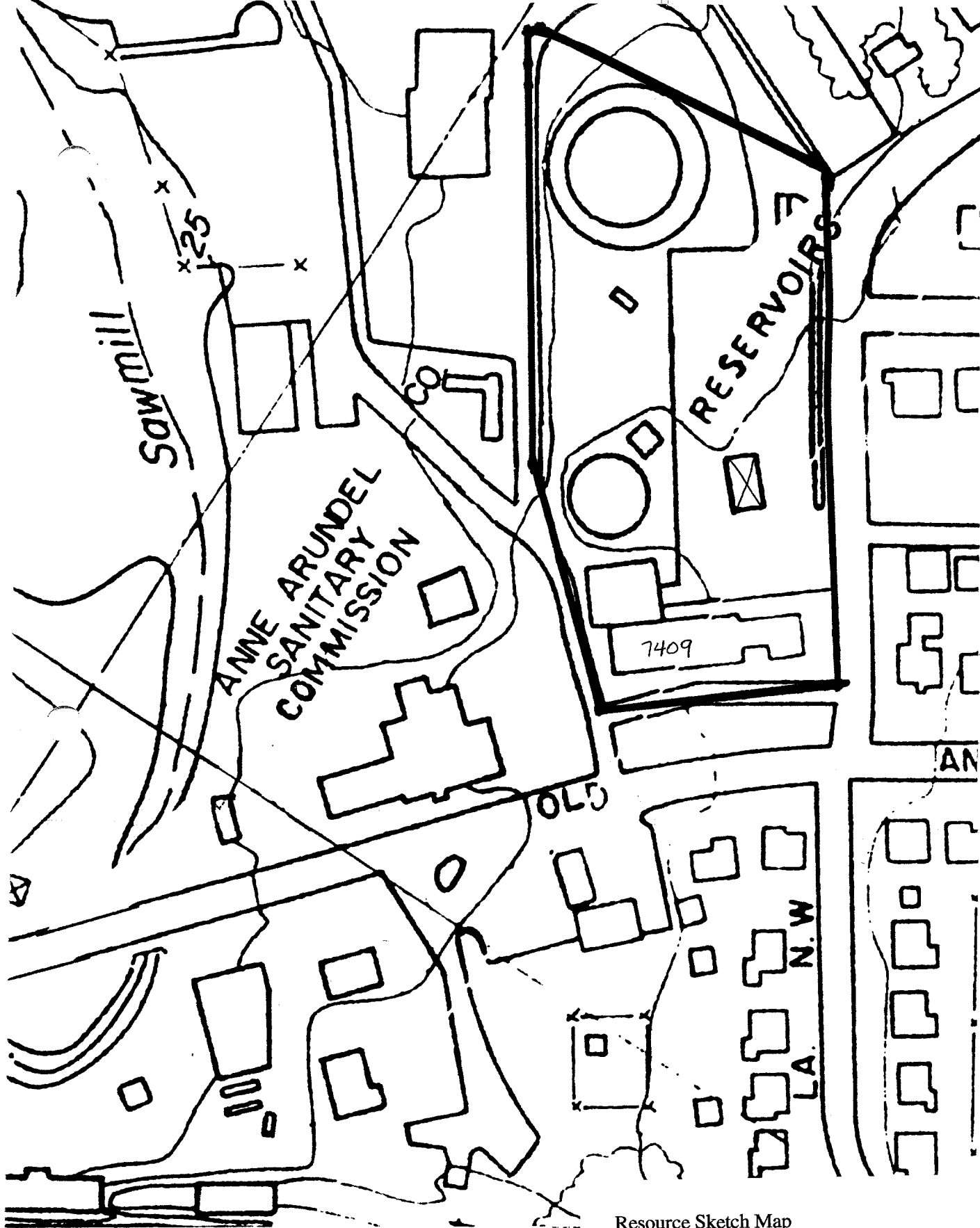
**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Suburban

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** GOVERNMENT/public works

**Known Design Source:** Builder George T. Cromwell



Resource Sketch Map  
AA-2168  
Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission  
Glen Burnie  
Anne Arundel County





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(CURTIS BAY)  
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FURNACE BR 44.0 MI  
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Anne Arundel County  
Relay, MD, quadrangle



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Negative at MD SHPO  
Front and side elevations, from north west  
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Negative at MDS/PO

Main entry in front elevation, from northwest

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Juncture of original building (at right) with 1957 addition  
(at left).

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Glen Burnie Anne Arundel County

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Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission 7409 Baltimore-  
Annapolis Boulevard, rear view of main building and  
rear building, from northeast  
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